GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Drought Assistance
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of representations received by the Union Government from various State Governments claiming compensation for agricultural loss due to droughts during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of assistance sought, assistance approved and released so far, State-wise;

(c) the details of the State Governments which have also sought assistance from the Union Government for revival of agriculture sector; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (d): State Governments initiate necessary relief measures to farmers in the wake of drought and other natural calamities from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) which is readily available with them. Additional financial assistance to State Government, over and above SDRF, is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) on receipt of relief memoranda from State Governments and in accordance with extant norms and procedures.

Memorandums seeking financial assistance in the wake of drought under NDRF were received from 7 States during 2012-13, from 3 States during 2013-14, from 5 States during 2014-15 and from 10 states during 2015-16. The details of financial assistance sought and approved State-wise by the Government of India in the wake of drought from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for the last three years and current years are at Annexure.